



CULTIVATED WILD RICE

Wild Rice is the only cereal grain native to the United States. In 1977, the State Legislature designated wild rice as Minnesota's official State Grain.

The cultivated crop is grown in the northern one-third of the state on an estimated 23,000 acres in the counties of Aitkin, Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater, Itasca, Koochiching, Polk, and St. Louis.

In 2004, cultivated wild rice production was 4.78 million processed pounds, up 13 percent from 2003.

Source: Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council

MINNESOTA FERTILIZER USAGE

Minnesota fertilizer consumption totaled 2.7 million tons for the year ending June 30, 2004, an increase of 18 percent from the previous year.

Usage of the primary nutrients is shown on the chart; nitrogen increased 24 percent from 2003, phosphate (P_2O_5) usage increased 26 percent, and potash (K_2O) usage increased 16 percent.

Fertilizer consumption represents all commercial fertilizer sold or shipped for farm and non-farm use as fertilizer.

Source: The Association of American Plant Food Control Officials, University of Kentucky

MINNESOTA'S USAGE OF PRIMARY NUTRIENTS AS FERTILIZER

